

HHH and Bugging ^{Post} 10.23.74

On Oct 16, The Post quotes Julie Nixon Eisenhower as saying: "My parents' campaign plane in 1968 was bugged by the Hubert Humphrey campaign." (p. B2).

Mrs. Eisenhower apparently hasn't read the White House transcripts. Or else she doesn't believe her father.

In the Sept. 15, 1972 tape (5:27-6:17 p.m.) there is a rambling discussion among the President, Dean and Halde-
man on bugging. P says, "... We were bugged in '68 on the plane . . ." D offers, "It is a shame that evidence to the fact that that happened in '68 was never around . . ."

A few lines later, H says, "I have some stuff, too—on the bombing incident and too in the bombing halt stay."

P—"The difficulty with using it, of course, is it reflects on Johnson. If it weren't for that, I would use it. Is there any way we could use it without using his name—saying that the DNC did it? No—the FBI did the bugging."

D—"That is the problem—would it reflect on Johnson or Humphrey?"

H—"Johnson. Humphrey didn't do it."

P—"Oh, hell no."

H—"He was bugging Humphrey, too."

P—(Expletive deleted).

Whether the disjointed discussion concerned the bugging of the plane or "the bombing incident," the subject was bugging, and both H and P agreed that "Humphrey didn't do it."

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